

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (canceled).
2. (canceled).
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21. (canceled).

~~22.~~<sup>2</sup> (currently amended): A cutting tool comprising:

an end cutting edge at an end of a rake face; and

a depression formed in the rake face so as to provide the cutting edge with a concave edge portion;

wherein the depression has a curved peripheral surface that is a portion of a spheroid;

wherein  $D_a < D_b$  where  $D_a$  is the maximum depth of the concave edge portion and  $D_b$  is the maximum depth of the depression; ~~and~~

wherein  $W_a < W_b$  where  $W_a$  is the width of the concave edge portion of the end cutting edge and  $W_b$  is the maximum width of the depression; ~~and~~

wherein  $W/2 \leq W_a \leq 2W/3$ .

23. (canceled).

~~24.~~<sup>2</sup> (currently amended): An indexable insert comprising:

an end cutting edge at an end of a rake face;

the end cutting edge having a concave edge portion; and

a spherical depression formed in the rake face so as to extend continuously from the concave edge portion of the end cutting edge;

wherein the spherical depression has a curved peripheral surface that is a portion of a spheroid;

wherein  $D_a < D_b$  where  $D_a$  is the maximum depth of the concave edge portion and  $D_b$  is the maximum depth of the depression; ~~and~~

wherein  $W_a < W_b$  where  $W_a$  is the width of the concave edge portion of the end cutting edge and  $W_b$  is the maximum width of the depression; ~~and~~

wherein  $\underline{W/2} \leq \underline{W_a} \leq \underline{2W/3}$ .

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